

## McKEE BILLS FAULTY, SAYS ASSOCIATION

Several Bodies Unite in Demand for Commission to Draft New School Law.

### HANUS REPORT AS BASIS

Board of Education Criticized for Failure to Comprehend Nature of Its Most Helpful Functions.

The Public Education Association issued yesterday what is called a "declaration" of several civic and educational bodies and influential persons of this city that the McKee education bills now pending in the Legislature were unstatesmanlike and should be supplanted by more comprehensive and constructive legislation providing for an education commission to draft a new school law for New York City which would clearly define the powers of the Board of Education and of the superintendents employed by the board.

The list of organizations and individuals that have united in urging the creation of such a commission is as follows:

The City Club, John M. Glenn, for the State Foundation; Henry S. Pritchett, for the Carnegie Foundation; Abraham Flexner, for the General Education Board; Allan Robinson, for the Allied Real Estate Interests; Paul H. Hanus, director of the School Inquiry; Jerome Greene, for the committee of citizens appointed, with the approval of President Mitchell, to coordinate public action regarding the Hanus report; Charles P. Howland, for the Public Education Association; Felix Adler, for the Ethical Culture School; Lyman Abbott, James E. Russell, Dean Teachers' College; George D. Strayer, professor of school administration, Teachers' College; Elmer L. Brown, Chancellor, New York University; Thomas A. Balliet, Dean School of Pedagogy, New York University; John Kingsbury, Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor; W. Frank Parsons, Charity Organization Society; Homer Folks, State Charities Aid Association; Lillian Wald, Nurses' Settlement; Wallace Buttrick, General Education Board; Henry Moskowitz, Association of Neighborhood Workers; Equal Franchise Society, Collegiate Equal Suffrage League, New York Suffrage Association.

### Change Educational Conduct.

The statement says that the McKee bills propose to change the educational conduct of the school system of New York City in certain important respects and should be opposed for the following reasons:

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## SUFFRAGETTES COWED BY LONDON PARK MOB

Announce Meeting, But Ugly Demeanor of Crowd Forces Them to Cover—Burning of Lady White's House Unpardonable.

London, March 23.—A crowd of youths, armed with various kinds of missiles, tin whistles, mouth organs and bells, gathered in Hyde Park today prepared to repeat the rowdy scenes of last Sunday should the suffragettes attempt to hold a meeting. The women, however, wisely refrained, but the crowd, out for trouble in any event, spent the afternoon husting men who declared themselves in favor of votes for women.

The police had been advised that a meeting would be held, and a strong force patrolled the park and adjoining streets. The crowd became weary of waiting and finally dispersed. An officer of long experience in the handling of mobs said it was a good thing the women did not appear, as the men were in an angry mood because of the burning of the country residence of Lady White, widow of Field Marshal Sir George White, the hero of Ladysmith. This act of incendiarism has caused a more bitter feeling against the militant suffragettes than any of their previous crimes.

Windsor Castle, where the court has gone into residence, is being closely

guarded, and special precautions have been taken to prevent women from making any demonstration or committing any outrages. A special staff of detectives has been sent to Windsor, and the North Terrace of the castle, which has always heretofore been open to the public, has been closed. Hampton Court Palace has also been closed.

James Keir Hardie, the Socialist and Independent Labor Member of Parliament for Merthyr Tydvil, South Wales, who is one of the strongest supporters of the women's cause, had a peculiar experience at Manchester today. He addressed a suffrage meeting in the afternoon and was interrupted by men with cries of "Traitor!" In the evening, when he addressed a meeting in connection with the annual conference of the Labor party, suffragettes persisted in interrupting him, and several women had to be forcibly ejected.

The women have promised to make demonstrations at all the meetings in connection with the conference, declaring that the Laborites, who are supposed to be supporters of women's suffrage, are really traitors, as they will not force the government to give the women the vote.

### HABITUAL RUNAWAY AT SIX, SALESGIRL FOR CHARITY

Charlestown Boy's Latest Is Trip to Martha's Vineyard.

Boston, March 23.—Walter Joseph McCarthy, six years and four months old, who has travelled hundreds of miles, unaccompanied and without funds, in a dozen or more runaway journeys, was brought back today to his home in Charlestown after a trip to Vineyard Haven.

The boy left home on Friday, and was found that night on the shore of Martha's Vineyard, severely affected by hunger, exposure and exhaustion.

Last November, at the time of the Harvard-Yale football game, Walter was picked up by the police in New Haven.

### OLD SCOUT AT Y. M. C. A.

Captain Crawford, Who Nicknamed Bryan, Gives Talk.

The man who gave William Jennings Bryan the sobriquet of the "Boy Orator" thirty-five years ago spoke before a meeting of men and boys at the Harlem Young Men's Christian Association yesterday afternoon. He was Captain "Jack" Crawford, the only surviving captain of scouts of the United States army.

Mr. Bryan, he declared, often recites his poem, "Where the Hand of God Is Seen," and Captain Crawford said he was proud of the fact that a man of Mr. Bryan's capacity admired it.

"I was the first to call William Bryan the 'boy orator,'" he asserted, "for he was the most wonderful speaker when he was a young man I had ever heard. He used to look up to me then and tell me how he wished he could speak as I was able to. If he keeps in politics much longer I think he will soon catch up to me."

Captain Crawford's white hair still hangs about his shoulders as it did when as chief of scouts he led the force that conquered Sitting Bull, back in the 70's. It is the badge of honor on the plains, he said.

### JOY FOR ELLIS ISLAND JEWS

Aid Society Distributes "Hamantaschen" to Immigrants on Purim Day.

About two hundred Jewish immigrants on Ellis Island were not forgotten by the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society on the occasion of the festival of Purim yesterday. On Saturday evening and Sunday morning special services were held on the island, during which the "Megillah" was read. A special committee of the aid society distributed among the immigrants bags containing delicacies, chief among which was the celebrated "Hamantaschen," a cake made in the shape of Haman's three-cornered hat.

The immigrants joined in celebrating the fall of Haman and triumph of Queen Esther and her uncle Mordecai in true Jewish fashion.

### ANTIS TO SET NATION WRITING FOR PRIZES

\$100 Each for City and Country Girl Who Makes the Best Argument Against Woman Suffrage.

[From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, March 23.—One hundred dollars for the city girl or woman who can set down on paper within five hundred words the best arguments against woman suffrage.

One hundred dollars for the country girl or woman who can formulate a similar argument.

This is the offer made to-day from the Washington headquarters of the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage. The members of the association say they know at least a thousand excellent reasons why women should not be allowed to vote, but they want all the women in the country to give the matter careful thought and to write down their conclusions.

The only provisions they make are that no essay shall exceed five hundred words and that the writer must be a woman.

The essays must be sent to "Essay Committee, National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage, No. 35 West 39th street, New York City." They will be judged by a committee of three well-known literary women of New York City.

Altogether, this competition is intended to be a national discussion which shall invade every sewing circle, woman's club and afternoon tea in the country.

### SALESGIRL FOR CHARITY

Miss Megary, of Philadelphia, Gives Wages to Poor.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Philadelphia, March 23.—Miss Elizabeth K. Megary, daughter of Mrs. John M. Megary, of No. 134 South 20th street, and prominent in social circles, has cancelled all social engagements to remain behind the counter of a Chestnut street flower shop, at a weekly wage of \$9, which she is devoting to aiding poor children.

The pay she received last week was immediately expended on Easter eggs and bunnies for the children of the slums.

Her presence has brought a rich harvest to the proprietor of the shop and her friends have deluged her with orders. At the close of yesterday's business the pretty "salesgirl" had disposed of \$210 worth of Easter flowers.

### WANTS OLEO BAN REMOVED

Lederle Also Says Laws Against Skimmed Milk Are Absurd.

The use of skimmed milk and artificial butter to help reduce the cost of living in this city is advocated by Health Commissioner Lederle in a special food report made to Mayor Gaynor and appearing today in the monthly bulletin of the Department of Health.

The Commissioner further states that it is time to do away with the "economical" and unscientific prohibition against the use of skimmed milk in this city, the only place in the world where this cheap, wholesome and nutritious food cannot be sold when properly labelled.

Artificial butter, the food value of which the Health Commissioner maintains is equal to that of butter, is one-third cheaper and is less liable to become rancid or infected.

In his report to the Mayor, Commissioner Lederle tells of a "code of food standards" now being prepared by the department, with the co-operation of the best informed experts. When in force, it is declared, "it will set a new model for the cities of the country. It will enable the manufacturer of food products and the dealer to know definitely the requirements and regulations of the Department of Health for each industry."

Speaking of the 24,000,000 pounds of food destroyed in 1912, the Health Commissioner says: "Much of this food could have been saved had proper methods of transportation been employed and had the city been equipped with adequate terminal markets with modern storage facilities."

### ECLIPSE SEEN IN AUSTRALIA.

Melbourne, March 24.—The total eclipse of the moon last night provided a remarkably fine sight, particularly at Sydney and Brisbane. Observations at Melbourne were partly obstructed by a cloudy sky.

The ferryboat Pittsburgh, owned by the Pennsylvania Railroad, ran down the ferry slip in Jersey City yesterday morning. Four of the dozen or so passengers on the Pittsburgh were injured and two of them were removed to the Jersey City Hospital. Others were thrown flat on the decks, but escaped injury. There were no passengers on the Philadelphia.

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## DOUBTS FOR LONE GIRLS

Women Send Out Warnings to Save Them from Evil Fate.

### PLANS TO AID TRAVELLERS

Move for Unification of Twenty-eight Organizations Started in New York.

Plans for a unification of the twenty-eight or more organizations engaged in travellers' aid work in this country are under way, as a result of recent disclosures showing the magnitude of the white slave traffic and the increasing activity of its agents.

In New York the Young Women's Christian Association, the pioneer body in travellers' aid work, has taken the lead in the move for unifying the work of the twenty-eight organizations. Mrs. James S. Cushman, president of the metropolitan board of the Young Women's Christian Association, has appointed a committee to take up the plan for unification with several other organizations. Her action followed a conference held last week by Miss Cora L. Tatham, general secretary for metropolitan work, Young Women's Christian Association; Orin C. Baker, general secretary of the Travellers' Aid Society; and other leaders of philanthropic work, in the administration building of the national board of Young Women's Christian Associations, No. 69 Lexington avenue, where the metropolitan board also has headquarters. One of the questions discussed at the conference was the placing in every railroad and street railway car and station in the United States of a list of warnings to girls, of which the following are examples:

Girls should never speak to strangers, either men or women, in the street, in shops, in stations, in trains, in lonely country roads or in places of amusement.

Girls should never ask the way of any but officials on duty, such as policemen, railway officials or postmen.

Girls should never stay to help a woman who apparently faints at their feet in the street, but should immediately call a policeman to her aid.

Girls should never accept an invitation to join a Sunday school or Bible class given to them by strangers, even if the strangers are wearing the dress of sisters or nuns or are in clerical attire.

Girls should never go to an address given to them by a stranger.

Girls should never go with a stranger, even if the stranger is dressed as a hospital nurse, or believe stories of their relatives having suffered accident or having been taken ill suddenly, as this is a common device to kidnap girls.

Girls should never accept candy, food, a glass of water or small flowers offered to them by strangers. Neither should they buy cents or food or candy at their doors. Any of these things may contain drugs.

Girls should never take situations without first making inquiries through a society active or affiliated in travellers' aid work.

Girls should never go to any large town even for one night without knowing of a safe lodging.

It was pointed out by Miss Tatham and Mr. Baker, as an argument for the unification plan, that railway officials probably would permit such warnings to be placed in cars and stations. If approached by one organization representing the whole country, whereas they could not give similar permission to twenty-eight bodies.

The committee appointed by Mrs. Cushman will submit the plan for uniform work to the International Order of King's Daughters, Daughters of the American Revolution, Catholic Women's League, Council of Jewish Women, Women's Civic League, Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Methodist Home Missionary Board, through its deaconesses, Charity Organization Society, Young Men's Christian Association and Travellers' Aid Society. All these organizations will be invited to appoint representatives for conference and other work preliminary to the national consideration of the subject at the Sociological Congress, to be held next month in Atlanta, where steps will be taken for travellers' aid extension to meet the increased need necessitated by the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

**FERRY CRASH INJURES FOUR**  
Shifting Tide Causes Early Morning Collision.

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## The Woman About Town

Whatever could Tony have been doing? Had he been giving short weight or been tardy in deliveries, or what? Over his store on Columbus avenue was a big sign, saying, "Please give me one more chance." One more chance! How pathetic it sounds, and how many besides Tony are in need of it. Some are getting it and are duly appreciative, but there are others who want one more and one more, and go through life pleading continually for "one more chance."

**Beware Nell-rose.**

Nell-rose is a pretty shade, but a little of it goes a long way, so why, oh, why, will the putty faced girl and the muddied one persist in having their new spring bonnets entirely in Nell-rose? The girl with the complexion of milk and roses can get away with it beautifully, but others should beware.

**Gross Imposition.**

In one of the city departments there is much dissatisfaction among employees owing to the hostile, stick-to-your-job methods prevailing. "The other day one of them, in giving vent to his disgust, said: 'Gee, but this ain't no political job. You've got to work for your living here.' The idea! To be so grossly imposed upon."

**Why Was It?**

She looked like a dainty piece of china as she applied for work at the large department store. She was told to "begin at once." "Oh, but I can't come today. Won't-morrow do?" But it was to be then or never. Slowly her eyes became blurred. She pressed her lips tightly together, looked appealingly at the woman and said, "Isn't it too bad?" "Yes, but what is it? Are you employed elsewhere and must go back to-day?" "No, it isn't that, but I can't start today," and she justly walked to the elevator.

What was wrong? Was there an unkind husband whose permission she had to crave or was it—but no, it must have been her hair, whom she had either left alone or in the care of a neighbor, for whom arrangement must be made. If you can think of something better, go ahead; but it doesn't seem as if anything could tear a woman away from work she so badly wanted except a wee voice in her ear, crying, "Muvver, come home."

**The Stout Woman's Boast.**

There was a commotion among the saleswomen in the suit department. The inquisitive woman determined to learn the cause. Approaching the pretty brunette she asked if there was any trouble. "Is there?" I should say so! Mrs. Great-knobs just 'phoned that she would be down in the morning for a suit. We've got to get ready for her, and every saleswoman takes a hand when temper runs short. She's that broad chested and graceful, as high as the roof and as graceful as the little bird called the elephant. If the very heavens opened and let fall a shower of suits she couldn't get into one. After she has tried them all on, one has to be entirely rebuilt. But she's a good customer and sends us lots of trade. Why doesn't she have one made? Because she boasts that she can walk right into a ready-made!

**WILL CALL OUT 9,000 MEN**  
Alteration Painters and Paper Hangers' Union Decides to Strike To-day.

The strike of alteration painters and paper hangers, which was decided on about a week ago, will take place to-day. The committee made this decision yesterday, and this morning they will go to all the places where these painters and paper hangers work and distribute red circulars among them declaring the strike.

According to the strike committee, about 9,000 men will be affected. The demands are an eight-hour workday, a minimum wage rate of \$18 a week and recognition of the union. A supplementary